

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A sock comprised of a sole covering portion and a foot top covering portion and provided on at least an inside surface thereof with a plurality of particle-form projections made of an elastic composition material, and

wherein said elastic composition material is mixed with at least one substance selected from the group consisting of a magnetic substance, a microbicidal substances and a deodorant substance.

Claim 2 (original): The sock according to Claim 1, wherein said elastic composition material is at least one selected from the group consisting of rubber and a soft synthetic resin.

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (original): The sock according to Claim 1, wherein said particle-form projections comprises:

magnetic particle-form projections that mainly contain a magnetic substance in said elastic composition material,

microbicidal particle-form projections that mainly contain a microbicidal substance in said elastic composition material, and

deodorant particle-form projections that mainly contain a deodorant substance in said elastic composition material.

Claim 5 (new): The sock according to Claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of projections is in a substantially a dome shape 1 to 3 mm high and 2 to 5 mm in bottom diameter.

Claim 6 (new): The sock according to Claim 5, wherein said plurality of projections are 2 to 5 mm apart from each other and 25 to 100 projections are provided per 25 cm² of area.